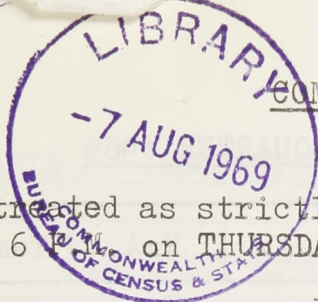


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INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES, MARCH QUARTER 1969

This bulletin contains statistics of industrial disputes for the quarter ended 31 March 1969. In addition statistics of duration, causes and methods of settlement for the year ended 31 December 1968 are shown in Tables 4 to 7.

The statistics of industrial disputes refer only to disputes involving a stoppage of work of ten man-days or more. The Australian figures include disputes occurring in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory. Workers indirectly involved are employees thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. For the estimated loss in wages shown in Table 2, any discrepancies between totals and the sums of industry groups are due to rounding.

An industrial dispute occurring in more than one State is counted as a separate dispute in each State. A dispute involving workers in more than one industry group in a State or Territory is counted once only in the number of disputes - in the industry group that has the largest number of workers involved; but workers involved, working days lost and estimated loss in wages are allocated to their respective industry groups. Disputes not settled at the end of a year are included as new disputes in the figures for the following year. Disputes not settled at the end of a quarter are not counted in the number of disputes for the following quarter, but additional workers involved and working days and wages lost are included.

For further information about these statistics see Labour Report No. 52, 1965 and 1966.

TABLE 1. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers involved			Working days lost		Estimated loss in wages (\$'000)
		Directly	Indirectly	Total	Number	Average per worker involved	
1964	1,334	528,817	16,811	545,628	911,358	1.67	8,561
1965	1,346	460,234	14,810	475,044	815,869	1.72	8,198
1966	1,273	384,970	9,881	394,851	732,084	1.85	7,302
1967	1,340	472,169	11,105	483,274	705,315	1.46	7,263
1968	1,713	700,824	19,497	720,321	1,079,464	1.50	12,115
1967 March qtr	332	71,233	907	72,140	97,302	1.35	973
June "	367	167,121	2,659	169,780	166,323	0.98	1,623
Sept. "	348	182,554	6,051	188,605	333,679	1.77	3,497
Dec. "	293	51,261	1,488	52,749	108,011	2.05	1,170
1968 March qtr	370	218,653	6,471	225,124	378,602	1.68	4,031
June "	451	133,003	5,133	138,136	222,322	1.61	2,757
Sept. "	468	160,877	2,883	163,760	237,390	1.45	2,627
Dec. "	424	188,291	5,010	193,301	241,150	1.25	2,700
1969 March qtr	498	184,293	23,602	207,895	332,878	1.60	3,938

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see text above.

TABLE 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARCH QUARTER 1969

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	64	..	6	..	..	..	70
Other mining and quarrying	3	..	1	..	5	1	11
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	92	5	16	7	1	..	121
Textiles, clothing and footwear	3	2	..	..	..	..	5
Food, drink and tobacco	28	12	8	..	5	1	54
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	5	..	..	..	..	..	5
Other manufacturing	17	12	2	..	1	1	33
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	145	31	26	7	7	2	218
Building and construction	18	21	10	4	7	2	65
Railway and tramway services	1	4	5	3	2	..	15
Road and air transport	6	1	2	2	2	1	14
Shipping	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Stevedoring	27	26	8	3	10	..	80
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	9	1	..	..	..	..	10
Other industries (b)	7	3	3	1	..	..	14
<u>TOTAL</u>	280	87	61	21	33	6	498

WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	15,345	..	313	..	..	..	15,658
Other mining and quarrying	2,349	..	141	..	2,020	268	4,811
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	40,285	481	2,098	2,329	32	..	45,225
Textiles, clothing and footwear	415	339	..	..	..	..	754
Food, drink and tobacco	3,583	2,633	1,872	..	860	93	9,041
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	494	..	..	..	..	..	494
Other manufacturing	2,208	541	172	..	49	19	2,939
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	46,985	3,994	4,142	2,329	941	112	58,503
Building and construction	816	3,978	1,039	423	727	230	7,356
Railway and tramway services	14,778	28,419	3,239	2,755	3,959	..	53,150
Road and air transport	655	153	199	2,054	5,023	38	8,122
Shipping	..	..	..	17	..	..	17
Stevedoring	17,286	18,699	2,397	391	2,897	..	42,516
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	1,377	278	..	..	..	..	1,655
Other industries (b)	3,157	303	12,292	355	..	..	16,107
<u>TOTAL</u>	102,748	55,824	23,762	8,324	15,567	648	207,895

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Communications; Finance and property; Wholesale and retail trade; Public authority (n.e.i.) and Community and business services.

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.

TABLE 2. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : INDUSTRY GROUPS, MARCH QUARTER 1969 - continued

Industry group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
WORKING DAYS LOST							
Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	18,201	..	817	..	..	..	19,018
Other mining and quarrying	26,139	..	141	..	12,807	284	39,388
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	70,544	2,723	8,219	7,206	40	..	88,732
Textiles, clothing and footwear	380	339	..	..	..	..	719
Food, drink and tobacco	8,116	4,991	1,108	..	1,283	171	15,669
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	1,105	..	..	..	..	..	1,105
Other manufacturing	5,527	1,475	138	..	147	17	7,304
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	85,672	9,528	9,465	7,206	1,470	188	113,529
Building and construction	2,183	12,339	1,172	1,779	2,909	38	20,613
Railway and tramway services	21,380	41,889	6,612	3,798	6,708	..	80,387
Road and air transport	2,553	1,265	1,404	2,486	5,161	162	13,031
Shipping	..	..	..	66	..	..	66
Stevedoring	9,003	22,813	760	260	1,237	..	34,401
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	1,841	225	..	..	..	..	2,066
Other industries (b)	2,125	2,353	4,741	1,160	..	..	10,379
<u>TOTAL</u>	169,097	90,412	25,112	16,755	30,292	672	332,878

ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)

Agriculture, grazing, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Coal mining	218.7	..	16.3	..	..	..	235.0
Other mining and quarrying	465.1	..	1.4	..	194.1	4.0	664.9
Manufacturing -							
Engineering, metals, vehicles, etc.	767.8	41.8	91.7	76.2	0.5	..	978.0
Textiles, clothing and footwear	4.3	2.5	..	..	..	..	6.8
Food, drink and tobacco	87.1	54.8	10.8	..	14.1	2.1	168.9
Sawmilling, furniture, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paper, printing, etc.	14.5	..	..	..	..	..	14.5
Other manufacturing	58.8	20.3	1.6	..	1.8	0.1	82.6
<u>Total manufacturing</u>	932.5	119.4	104.0	76.2	16.4	2.3	1,250.7
Building and construction	31.1	253.6	16.0	40.9	32.6	0.4	377.2
Railway and tramway services	197.1	414.8	68.6	40.0	59.9	..	780.5
Road and air transport	27.9	11.4	18.6	25.2	53.8	1.6	138.6
Shipping	..	..	..	0.6	..	..	0.6
Stevedoring	97.9	244.3	8.3	2.8	14.3	..	371.1
Amusement, hotels, personal service, etc.	14.3	1.7	..	..	..	..	16.0
Other industries (b)	15.2	28.2	48.4	11.3	..	..	103.2
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,999.8	1,073.5	281.6	196.9	371.1	8.3	3,937.7

For footnotes see page 2.

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.

TABLE 3. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : STATES

Period	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (a)
NUMBER OF DISPUTES							
1964	828	206	198	55	26	8	1,334
1965	832	208	186	48	33	17	1,346
1966	835	179	171	42	25	14	1,273
1967	836	212	159	55	26	29	1,340
1968	965	327	193	83	70	28	1,713
1968 - March qtr	209	72	38	24	12	9	370
June "	246	97	50	20	15	10	451
Sept. "	277	85	49	18	21	5	468
Dec. "	233	73	56	21	22	4	424
1969 - March qtr	280	87	61	21	33	6	498
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)							
1964	229,076	190,075	92,696	23,040	6,165	1,898	545,628
1965	251,056	121,798	53,569	28,466	12,611	5,131	475,044
1966	210,016	101,490	68,731	8,760	2,876	2,541	394,851
1967	320,241	84,521	46,251	17,447	5,071	6,207	483,274
1968	355,479	172,803	120,180	39,418	18,684	7,767	720,321
1968 - March qtr	111,720	62,392	27,150	18,258	2,686	2,074	225,124
June "	78,502	37,462	8,743	4,695	3,347	4,048	138,136
Sept. "	62,460	28,708	61,831	5,104	3,695	944	163,760
Dec. "	102,797	44,241	22,456	11,361	8,956	701	193,301
1969 - March qtr	102,748	55,824	23,762	8,324	15,567	648	207,895
WORKING DAYS LOST							
1964	320,568	359,567	157,571	62,785	7,148	1,939	911,358
1965	367,942	214,300	189,941	26,379	10,020	3,894	815,869
1966	400,111	219,605	80,692	20,903	6,239	3,119	732,084
1967	468,034	107,312	88,186	18,691	5,994	7,290	705,315
1968	583,406	243,924	158,615	51,082	21,762	13,037	1,079,464
1968 - March qtr	207,105	103,375	34,298	25,183	3,807	3,606	378,602
June "	143,454	37,930	23,489	7,592	3,159	5,065	222,322
Sept. "	104,308	51,003	67,214	6,355	4,776	1,972	237,390
Dec. "	128,539	51,616	33,614	11,952	10,020	2,394	241,150
1969 - March qtr	169,097	90,412	25,112	16,755	30,292	672	332,878
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)							
1964	2,996.2	3,428.2	1,453.3	585.2	62.6	18.0	8,560.9
1965	3,479.1	2,061.6	2,221.2	253.3	100.8	41.4	8,198.5
1966	4,026.0	2,097.2	860.8	199.7	64.5	34.8	7,302.5
1967	4,804.6	1,106.6	886.7	199.0	62.6	82.3	7,263.1
1968	6,653.5	2,731.3	1,701.2	514.6	281.8	149.0	12,115.2
1968 - March qtr	2,222.0	1,100.7	360.1	262.3	33.5	39.2	4,030.6
June "	1,891.6	445.7	248.8	72.5	33.0	49.3	2,756.8
Sept. "	1,133.3	608.8	719.8	66.2	54.6	24.8	2,627.4
Dec. "	1,406.5	576.1	372.4	113.6	160.7	35.7	2,700.4
1969 - March qtr	1,999.8	1,073.5	281.6	196.9	371.1	8.3	3,937.7

(a) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.

TABLE 4. - DURATION OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA, 1968

Duration (Working days)	Coal mining	Stevedoring	Other industries	All industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
1 day and less	130	266	522	918
2 days and more than 1 day	40	19	257	316
3 days and more than 2 days	20	9	147	176
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	13	3	131	147
5 days and less than 10 days	2	1	112	115
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	33	33
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	8	8
40 days and over	..	..	..	..
<u>Total</u>	205	298	1,210	1,713
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)				
1 day and less	22,581	88,018	270,764	381,363
2 days and more than 1 day	18,849	14,213	214,794	247,856
3 days and more than 2 days	2,865	2,996	25,625	31,486
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	1,554	307	23,441	25,302
5 days and less than 10 days	377	98	14,764	15,239
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	16,507	16,507
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	2,568	2,568
40 days and over	..	..	..	..
<u>Total</u>	46,226	105,632	568,463	720,321
WORKING DAYS LOST				
1 day and less	18,634	43,231	182,998	244,863
2 days and more than 1 day	27,707	24,160	314,893	366,760
3 days and more than 2 days	7,424	8,060	66,462	81,946
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	5,355	1,102	84,557	91,014
5 days and less than 10 days	1,960	750	89,514	92,224
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	157,276	157,276
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	45,381	45,381
40 days and over	..	..	..	..
<u>Total</u>	61,080	77,303	941,081	1,079,464
ESTIMATED LOSS IN WAGES (\$'000)				
1 day and less	204.5	449.1	2,010.2	2,663.8
2 days and more than 1 day	313.5	246.1	3,444.9	4,004.5
3 days and more than 2 days	82.4	83.7	718.5	884.6
Over 3 days and less than 5 days	57.7	11.0	901.9	970.6
5 days and less than 10 days	43.5	7.6	1,052.8	1,103.9
10 days and less than 20 days	..	..	1,968.3	1,968.3
20 days and less than 40 days	..	..	519.6	519.6
40 days and over	..	..	..	..
<u>Total</u>	701.6	797.5	10,616.2	12,115.2

NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.

TABLE 5. - CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA, 1968

Cause of dispute (a)	Coal mining	Stevedoring	Other industries	All industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
Wages, hours and leave	15	34	495	544
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	121	236	581	938
Trade unionism	17	12	89	118
Other	52	16	45	113
<u>Total</u>	205	298	1,210	1,713

WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)

Wages, hours and leave	3,544	34,644	422,615	460,803
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	28,805	55,199	115,193	199,197
Trade unionism	1,967	3,130	13,906	19,003
Other	11,910	12,659	16,749	41,318
<u>Total</u>	46,226	105,632	568,463	720,321

WORKING DAYS LOST

Wages, hours and leave	4,769	32,053	670,141	706,963
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	40,663	37,236	236,977	314,876
Trade unionism	3,035	3,759	20,048	26,842
Other	12,613	4,255	13,915	30,783
<u>Total</u>	61,080	77,303	941,081	1,079,464

(a) For nature of classification see page 220 of Labour Report No. 52, 1965 and 1966.
NOTE. For definitions, particulars of coverage of these statistics, etc. see page 1.

TABLE 6. - CAUSES OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : ALL INDUSTRIES, AUSTRALIA, 1964 TO 1968

Cause of dispute (a)	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
NUMBER OF DISPUTES					
Wages, hours and leave	320	426	325	336	544
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	758	735	714	772	938
Trade unionism	136	101	143	129	118
Other	120	84	91	103	113
<u>Total</u>	1,334	1,346	1,273	1,340	1,713
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)					
Wages, hours and leave	235,846	268,105	205,613	175,911	460,803
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	191,354	143,111	125,286	130,105	199,197
Trade unionism	31,670	17,722	22,393	17,840	19,003
Other	86,758	46,106	41,559	159,418	41,318
<u>Total</u>	545,628	475,044	394,851	483,274	720,321
WORKING DAYS LOST					
Wages, hours and leave	556,948	528,722	392,458	255,855	706,963
Physical working conditions and managerial policy	257,062	235,542	269,875	299,589	314,876
Trade unionism	33,392	18,873	32,885	26,710	26,842
Other	63,956	32,732	36,866	123,161	30,783
<u>Total</u>	911,358	815,869	732,084	705,315	1,079,464

For footnotes see Table 5 above.

TABLE 7. - METHODS OF SETTLEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA 1968

Method of settlement (a)	Coal mining	Steve- doring	Other industries	All industries
NUMBER OF DISPUTES				
By private negotiation	47	16	368	431
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	6	6
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	..	2	165	167
(b) By reference to State Government officials	1	..	..	1
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State Legislation-				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	..	184	184
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	12	..	..	12
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	14	..	14
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	69	1	70
By resumption without negotiation	145	197	486	828
<u>Total</u>	205	298	1,210	1,713
WORKERS INVOLVED (DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)				
By private negotiation	5,600	1,534	80,502	87,636
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	1,182	1,182
State legislation-				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	..	106	26,636	26,742
(b) By reference to State Government officials	109	..	..	109
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation-				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	..	29,369	29,369
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	1,525	..	..	1,525
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	1,435	..	1,435
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	5,940	6,086	12,026
By resumption without negotiation	38,992	96,617	424,688	560,297
<u>Total</u>	46,226	105,632	568,463	720,321
WORKING DAYS LOST				
By private negotiation	8,813	671	181,368	190,852
By mediation not based on legislation	..	..	2,865	2,865
State legislation -				
(a) Under State Conciliation, etc. legislation	..	197	59,717	59,914
(b) By reference to State Government officials	279	..	..	279
Commonwealth and Commonwealth-State legislation-				
(a) Industrial Tribunals under -				
(i) Conciliation and Arbitration Act	..	..	127,920	127,920
(ii) Coal Industry Acts	4,065	..	..	4,065
(iii) Stevedoring Industry Act	..	2,571	..	2,571
(iv) Other Acts	..	..	..	..
(b) By reference to Commonwealth Government officials	..	5,031	17,320	22,351
By resumption without negotiation	47,923	68,833	551,891	668,647
<u>Total</u>	61,080	77,303	941,081	1,079,464

(a) For nature of classification see page 223 of Labour Report No. 52, 1965 and 1966.
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